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Shown above are the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Hirschy, of Evans City, Pa., with two of Bryan's second generation students. Karin deRosset (right) the Hirschy's granddaughter, is a sophomore transfer, and Diane deRosset, her cousin, is also a sophomore. The parents of both girls are Bryan alumni and foreign missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions. Karin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward deRosset, are in Peru, and Diane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John deRossett, are in Central African Republic. The Hirschys are long-time friends of Bryan College and have been responsible for sending many students to Bryan of whom four were their own children.

## Fall Enrollment Shows Modest Increase

The enrollment of 213 students who registered at Bryan for the fall semester revealing a full-time equivalent of 206 this year compares favorably with the 190 at this time last year. The increase in dormitory students makes for an 8% overall increase over the first semester last year. An analysis of the enrollment showed students from 23 states plus District of Columbia and five foreign countries. Tennessee ranks first with 52 registrants, followed by Michigan (30); Florida (22); Ohio (21); Pennsylvania (17); and Kentucky (9).

Other representations include Virginia (8); Georgia, New Jersey (6); Illinois,

Indiana, Texas (5); North Carolina, West Virginia (4); Maryland (3); Alabama, South Carolina (2); and Iowa, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Washington, D. C. (1). India, Japan, Hong Kong, Nationalist China, and the Bahamas are each represented by one student. In addition, three students are daughters of missionary parents in the countries of Peru and Central African Republic.

The analysis of religious affiliation showed 100 Baptists, 37 students from independent churches, 21 Methodists, 12 Brethren, 9 Presbyterians, 5 from Christian Missionary Alliance, and 29 students from various other denominations.

## Trustees Challenge Faculty to Academic Improvement

By KARL E. KEEFER, *Dean*

At its meeting last May, the planning committee of the Board of Trustees of Bryan College presented several recommendations to the board, which were accepted by the board and passed on to the administration and faculty of the college. These had to do particularly with the improvement of instruction, and included an incentive of a \$250 prize to be presented by the Board at Commencement next year to the faculty member who writes the best paper on some phase of his specialty during the 1961-62 school year.



Other challenges given to the faculty had to do with the improvement of campus instructional facilities, classroom teaching, and research. In response to this challenge, the dean of the college recommended the formation of a faculty planning committee to be occupied continually during the school year with directing the faculty in these matters.

This committee has been established, consisting of all the full professors on the faculty, plus any other faculty member holding tenure. This means that at present it consists of the following persons:

Dr. Irving Jensen, Professor of Bible  
Dr. Willard Henning, Professor of Zoology

Dr. Furman Miller, Registrar and Professor of Education

Dr. John Anderson, Professor of Ancient Languages

Mr. Lewis Warwick, Associate Professor of Mathematics

These men, together with Dean Keefer and President Mercer, are working with the rest of the faculty in both immediate and long-range planning.

One of the immediate needs of the  
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# President's Column . . .

My column will concern itself this time with a report of the trustees' meeting of October 2. I am sure that few



schools surpass Bryan in the quality of its trustees — men and women of Christian character and testimony who really do furnish the leadership expected and needed from the policy-makers of any organiza-

tion. This leadership is evidenced by an attitude of alertness toward the needs and plans of the College and a generous financial support of these. Now that our push for regional accreditation has reached a plateau awaiting further developments, the thinking of the trustees is dominated these days by the ideas of the planning committee. Those specifically related to instruction and the faculty are reported by Dean Keefer in the lead article of this issue. Other matters which will be of interest to our constituency follow.

## Student Aid

Last year at Bryan a total of nearly \$60,000 in student aid was distributed in three categories: student employment, \$23,000; scholarships, \$20,000; loans, \$16,000. This year the College has awarded \$27,000 in scholarships to 75 students. The loan program, which will increase as the year goes along, is expected to approximate last year's figure. The same is true for student employment.

## Admissions and Enrollment

Miss Zelfha Russell, director of admissions, reported 153 applications in the current year. As far as can be ascertained, this is the largest number received in any year of the College. Out of this number a freshman class of 80, 14 transfers and 8 former students were admitted. Miss Russell reported a total of 1,361 admission office contacts during the year. The more selective admissions policy of the College continues to hold down the number of acceptances and applications (as students with obviously unsatisfactory records are advised in the preliminary contacts of the level at which students may expect favorable consideration) but the faculty and administration are united in their acceptance of the new policy as the proper one for a number of reasons. Lack of regional accreditation and the need to make Bryan better and more widely known were cited by the director of admissions

as specific obstacles to be overcome in promoting the growth of the student body.

While the enrollment this fall did not zoom as we had hoped it would and as earlier trends indicated it might, the increase of 8% in full-time equivalent enrollment over first semester last year, though modest was a significant trend in the right direction. The dormitory enrollment increase filled the student housing to capacity.

## Field Representative

A continuing need of Bryan has been the securing of competent field representation. This issue carries the announcement concerning Mr. Hammer, the Florida representative, and other information may be available shortly regarding a full-time field man.

## Faculty Selection

While we are making every effort to upgrade Bryan academically, which is a necessity for its growth and development, the trustees reaffirmed the historic policy of the College in keeping the spiritual factors also in the forefront in the selection of faculty. The spiritual qualification to teach at Bryan must go hand in hand with the academic competence needed.

## Business

The budget of nearly \$353,000 adopted for this year is the largest in the history of the College. This will call for a strenuous effort on the part of all friends of the College to meet the need of \$110,000 in operating gifts by next June 30. The business manager and the treasurer, Mr. Stansbury and Dr. Rudd, both insist, however, that the budget is based on realities.

Because of the special arrangements effected by the trustees, we can now report that the summer was completed and the fall term opened with all operating obligations up-to-date. This means that all salaries and other operating obligations are completely current and that all accounts payable (bills) are up-to-date with none in arrears. The overall long-term indebtedness on the main building now stands at \$130,000 as compared with \$156,000 on June 30, 1955.

It is a matter of sincere gratitude that we have reached this point of solvency, but it will not be maintained without generous support this year from all who believe in Christian education and in the work of Bryan College in particular. I hope you will pray for our trustees and for all of us here at the College. We are having a good year.

## Trustee Called Home



William L. Hardin

Mr. Hardin, who has been a member of the Board of Trustees for many years, passed away early on the morning of October 3 in Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, after a period of declining health. Dr. Herman Hoyt, a fellow trustee, conducted the funeral service on October 4.

## Field Representative Serves Florida Area

Mr. Howell Hammer, of Orlando, Florida, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as field representative of



Bryan College in Florida for this academic year. He has served in this capacity since February contacting friends of Bryan and prospective students already on the mailing list as well as seeking to enlist new friends for the college.

Mr. Hammer works with the American Bond Company of Atlanta in the state of Florida in helping churches to raise money for building purposes through the use of debenture bonds. He is a member of the Faith Baptist Church in Orlando, where he is active as a deacon, treasurer, and teacher. For many years he participated in the work of the Christian Business Men's Committee in both Chicago and New York City. His business experience includes twelve years in sales promotion and advertising for several different firms, nearly twenty-one years with a Chicago bank, the last few years as an assistant vice-president, and ten years as business manager at Shelton College.



## Homecoming Notes

More than fifty Bryan graduates and former students gathered October 13-15 for the ninth annual alumni homecoming which centered its activities around the theme, "Occupy Till I Come."

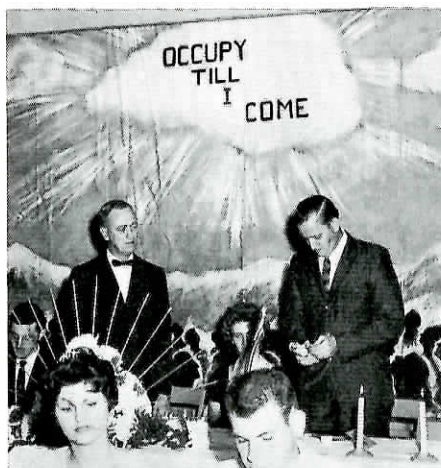
Thomas Taylor '54, who was reelected president of the alumni association for the coming year, spoke to the students in chapel on the topic of knowing God's will and doing it. Mr. Taylor is a professor of Bible, Hebrew, and Latin at Faith Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. In a missionary travelogue, Kermit Zopf x'50, showed slides of points of historical and religious significance in Germany including his own place of missionary activity at the German Bible Institute.

The traditional breakfast on Johnson's Bluff at the F. R. Rogers' cottage was favored by good weather and the presence of a substantial representation of the class of 1962, who were guests for the occasion. David Harmon '56, president of the Rocky Mountain Bryan alumni chapter, brought the devotional message in which he reminded alumni of the power of God available to carry out the commission of Christ.

Following Dr. Mercer's report to alumni at the Saturday luncheon, the group convened for the annual business meeting. The following officers, in addition to the president named above, were announced as those chosen by the mail ballot: vice-president, Willis Brownlee '57, juvenile worker of Lansing, Mich.; secretary, Zelpha Russell x'38, director of admissions at Bryan; treasurer, Maxie Green x'58, high school teacher of Bake-well, Tenn.; chairman of elections committee, Mark Davis '56, English professor at Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minn.; and elections committee members, Catherine Painter '57, Chickamauga, Ga.; and Ralph Samuelsen '59, Lapeer, Mich. Rebecca Peck '40 continues in the appointed position of executive secretary of the alumni association.

At the homecoming banquet shared by alumni, faculty, and students Ian Hay '50 used II Cor. 2:14-16 to emphasize the importance of the believer's testimony as a sweet savor of Christ in effectively occupying until Christ's return. Mr. Hay and his wife, the former June Bell '51, are missionaries on furlough from Nigeria, West Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission.

To conclude the alumni events the Sunday afternoon vesper service featured special musical selections and a compilation of Scripture portions centered on the hope of Christ's return together with testimonies by Ray Childress '55, president of Southland Bible Institute, Pikeville, Ky., Mrs. June Hay, and John Reed '51,



Ian Hay, '50, right, is shown as he receives from Alumni President Thomas Taylor the certificate proclaiming him "Alumnus of the Year" for 1961 in recognition of his outstanding achievements in mastering two languages and directing the field work of 700 missionaries in Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission.

English professor at Cedarville (Ohio) College.

Following is a list by classes of alumni participating in homecoming events:

- '37—Juanita Pendergrass, Dayton, Tenn.
- '38—Zelpha Russell, Dayton, Tenn.
- '40—Glenn Klamm, Union City, Pa.
- Rebecca Peck, Dayton, Tenn.
- '47—Ruth (Kuhn) Simmons, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- '49—Clyde Simmons, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Josephine Jenkins Payne, Dayton, Tenn.
- '50—Ian Hay, Jos, Nigeria
- Gladys (Jennwein) Meznar, San Paulo, Brazil
- Pearl Wallace,\* Dayton, Tenn.
- Kermit Zopf,\* Seheim, Germany
- '51—June (Bell) Hay, Jos, Nigeria
- John Reed, Cedarville, Ohio
- '52—Erris (Martin) Reed,\* Cedarville, Ohio
- '53—Fred Donehoo, Dayton, Tenn.
- Edward Payne, Dayton, Tenn.
- '54—Francis Neddo, Sale Creek, Tenn.
- Arthur Pflug, Lookout Mt., Tenn.
- Thomas Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Evelyn Whitlow, Dunlap, Tenn.
- '55—Ray Childress, Pikeville, Ky.
- Richard Cornelius, Dayton, Tenn.
- Frances (Donehoo) Brannon, Atlanta, Ga.
- Anna Ruth Hille, Covington, Ky.
- '56—Everett Boyce, appointee to Philippines
- David Harmon, Golden, Colo.
- Ralph Green, Dayton, Tenn.
- '57—Willis Brownlee, Williamston, Mich.
- Donna (Black) Cornelius,\* Dayton, Tenn.
- Franklin Henley, Knoxville, Tenn.
- '58—Ann (Moore) Brownlee,\* Williamston, Mich.
- Richard Franklin, Greenville, Ill.
- Maxie Green,\* Bakeville, Tenn.
- Leona (Lantz) Harmon,\* Golden, Colo.
- '59—Marvin Brannon,\* Atlanta, Ga.
- Laurel Hansen, Dayton, Tenn.
- Ursula Hildebrandt, Bangor, Mich.
- Raymond and Shirley\* Holmes, Lansing, Mich.
- Jerry Sisson, Dayton, Tenn.
- '60—Greta (Sorrell) Carigon, Tenn.
- Dale Fehl, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Wayne Funderburg, Dayton, Tenn.
- Carolyn (Drummond) Matthews, Detroit, Mich.
- Virginia Nye, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Richard Williamson, Dayton, Tenn.

## F.M.F. Chapter Lists Year's Highlights

Some forty representatives from the Foreign Missions Fellowship chapter at Bryan attended the annual fall regional F.M.F. conference at Lake Louise Conference Ground, Toccoa, Ga., October 27-29.

Guest speakers were Philip E. Armstrong, executive secretary of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, and Harold Wildish, a missionary from Jamaica.

The Toccoa Conferences, which are held in April and October each year, are sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, an organization established to assist and encourage students in educational institutions to witness for Jesus Christ, to present the needs of the foreign mission field, and to help all students discover the will of God for their lives. This year I.V.C.F. is sponsoring the sixth International Student Missionary Convention to be held in Urbana December 27-31. The Bryan F.I.I.F. chapter plans to send representatives to join the 5,000 American young people from Christian and secular schools and 500 foreign students who are expected to attend.

Officers of the Bryan F.M.F. chapter are the following: Charles Westgate, president, a senior from Philadelphia, Pa.; Ken Utley, vice-president, a junior from Nashville, Tenn.; Rachel Paulson, secretary, a junior from Copemish, Mich.; and Reva Jenkins, treasurer, a senior from Etlan, Va. Mr. Thomas Eckel, professor of French and Bible, serves as sponsor.

A highlight of the missionary emphasis for this year on Bryan campus will be the annual F.M.F. Conference to be held March 8-11. Rev. Lehman Strauss, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., will be the main speaker; and a number of Bryan missionaries on furlough are also expected to participate.

At this conference pledges are made to assist more than 125 Bryan alumni who are serving under 30 mission boards on 35 foreign fields. To date \$2,070 has been paid on this year's pledges of \$3,293.

- '61—Faith Boyce, appointee to Philippines
- John Rynders, Nashville, Tenn.
- Katherine Morgan, Dayton, Tenn.
- Oliver Graham,\* Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Faith (Allam) Williamson,\* Dayton, Tenn.

### Honorary Alumni:

- Miss Julia Nichols, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Dr. Alma Rader, Dayton, Tenn.
- Dr. and Mrs. Judson Rudd, Dayton, Tenn.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers, Dayton, Tenn.

Members of last year's student body who are enrolled in other schools:

- Patricia Brown, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Carol Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- George Webber, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Barbara Wetzel, Chattanooga, Tenn.

\* Not Bryan graduates



## TRUSTEES CHALLENGE

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college is a careful study of the utilization of available space in the Administration Building, and the possible rearrangement of some of the existing facilities. Studies are now under way concerning the advisability of using both the main and ground floor areas of the north wing for science laboratories, science classrooms, and work rooms. This would involve moving the chemistry laboratories from their present location in the south wing, finding other space for the music practice rooms and studios, the maintenance department, and the recreation room.

Closely related to this is the need for additional equipment in a number of fields. All members of the faculty recently submitted to the planning committee statements of needs and recommendations in their areas. Among the most immediate needs appear to be additional science equipment, particularly in the physical sciences, and basic equipment for a foreign language laboratory. If Bryan College is to keep pace with the rapidly developing educational scene, it must acquire the sometimes expensive equipment needed to utilize the newest techniques in teaching science and languages. The faculty in these departments is studying the matter very carefully, and will be making additional specific recommendations through the planning committee.

Still another related project which is needed in the immediate future is the erection of a permanent greenhouse on the campus close to the present botany laboratory, and the surveying and laying out of nature trails in the botanical preserve near Spring City which the college acquired through a gift several years ago. Bryan is located in an ideal area for botanical and zoological research, and it appears most vital that these facilities be developed and used to the maximum extent possible.

All of these things are going to take careful and detailed planning, which the faculty is now doing. After that, they will take considerable amounts of money. It is our hope and prayer that at the right time, the money will be made available. We trust that friends interested in Bryan will think seriously with us about these matters, and help us as they are able to do so.



Pictured above are the Bryan Lions making up the 1961-62 basketball team. In front row are Gary Rhodes, manager, Princeton, N. J.; Ronnie Givens, Beaver Dam, Ky.; Ryland Donald, Dayton, Tenn.; Lonas Stubbs, Crossville, Tenn.; Don Klees, Collingdale, Pa.; Jim Zorio, Knoxville, Tenn.; Tom Temple, Vassar, Mich.; and Ron Morren, manager, Vicksburg, Mich.

In the back row are Jerry Clay, Louisville, Ky.; Wayne Tarrants, Rockport, Ky.; Frank Mercer, Central City, Ky.; Oscar Perry, Central City, Ky.; Jack Moorman, Hardinsburg, Ky.; John Whitaker, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Bill Stewart, Decherd, Tenn.; Lebron Bell, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wayne Dixon, Alcoa, Tenn.; and Coach Jim Voight.

## Student Staff Revives Hilltopper

Three issues of the revived *Hilltopper*, a student bi-weekly news sheet, have made their appearance on Bryan campus this fall. This publication, which is a continuation of an initial production in June, 1960, represents the efforts of a student staff directed by editor-in-chief Wayne Bomgaars, a senior from Muskegon, Mich.

The student publication includes news of club and sports activities, a devotional message written by one of the faculty members, an article by President Mercer, a fashion column, and other campus highlights. Assisting editor Bomgaars are layout editor, Don Reed, a junior from Bliss, N. Y.; business manager, Roland Fleck, a sophomore from Elizabethtown, Pa.; head typist, Rachel Paulson, a junior from Copemish, Mich.; photographer, Tim Amundson, a senior from Coburn, W. Va.; faculty advisor, Prof. Donald Hill; technical advisor, Miss Rebecca Peck; and seven other student assistants.

As long as the supply lasts, surplus copies of the *Hilltopper* will be sent free on request to anyone on the Bryan mailing list. Requests should be addressed to:

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Bryan College  
Dayton, Tennessee

## Basketball Schedule

Nov.	11—John Marshall Univ.	HERE
	16—Shorter	There
	18—Tennessee Wesleyan	HERE
	22—Oakland City	There
	24-25—Grace College (Tourney)	Winona Lake Ind
	28—Troy State	There
	29—Huntington	There
Dec.	2—Jacksonville State	HERE
	4—Univ. Chattanooga	There
	8—Berry	There
	9—Milligan	HERE
	11—Cumberland	There
	15—Campbellsville	HERE
	18—Maryville	There
Jan.	5—College of Charleston	HERE
	6—John Marshall Univ.	There
	8—Lincoln Memorial Univ.	HERE
	13—Univ. Chattanooga	HERE
	15—Campbellsville	There
	18—Tennessee Wesleyan	There
	20—Livingston State	HERE
	29—West Georgia	There
Feb.	3—Cumberland	HERE
	10—Maryville	HERE
	12—Livingstone State	There
	13—Livingstone State	There
	14—Cincinnati Bible Seminary	HERE
	16—Milligan	There
	17—Lincoln Memorial Univ.	There
	22—West Georgia	HERE

## Annual High School Guest Week End

February 9-11

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